



July Events:

Saturday July 1st
International Day of Cooperatives

Tuesday July 4th
Fourth of July!
Happy Independence Day. YFC will be closing early at 5pm.

Saturday July 8, 11-2pm
Brinery Tasting
Come taste the delicious fermented wonders the Brinery has to offer with Taste the Local Difference.

Saturday July 15, 3-4 PM
"YFC Grocery Talk& Tour"
Free samples are included and a 10% grocery discount is given for attending.

Saturday July 29, 2-5pm
Leinenkugel Beer Tasting with Clay! Stop in and get a refreshing beer sample! *must be 21 with a valid ID to participate*

Saturday July 29, 3-5pm
Ypsi Youth Jazz Ensemble led by Steve Somers!
Enjoy an afternoon of jazz music on the YFC patio!

Look out for our Facebook events for additional information!

YFC Social:



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YFC your community grocery store

Hey YFC shoppers we want to thank you for continuing to make YFC your community grocery store!

I'm sure many of you have heard the recent news that a big natural food store was bought out by one of the largest online companies, Amazon. Wow! While, YFC may be much smaller we are staying an independent community corner stone in Ypsilanti and we are not for sale!

Competition has been heating up for local independent co-ops; both here in Washtenaw County and throughout the country.

That is why we want to thank you our regulars, members, volunteers, and promoters. Without all of you we would not be the same co-op or the same community center we are!

We have continued to listen and add more delicious ice cream options, single beers, more deli selections, more co-op deals, more tastings, etc. We want to make this your store...you own it after all!

We love our regulars...and we would love for more of our shoppers to become regulars.

With more regulars and increased support through shopping the more



community centered we can become and the more we can grow and expand for you.

Only at a local community store will you be greeted by name, have a passport sticker for your kids, get special order deals to buy in bulk quantities and bump shoulders with local farmers and local business owners!

The Ypsilanti community is a unique and lively one and we want to continue to be a central hub to be a part of keeping our beloved community YpsiReal!

Thank you for continuing to support us and we will see you at the co-op!

Fundraising Committee Updates:

YFC Fundraising committee is moving forward with plans for a Farm to Table Dinner Fundraiser this fall.

Volunteers are needed! We need volunteers to help plan the upcoming event, servers at the dinner, greeters, tear down and set up crew, etc.

If you are interested in volunteering contact Board Member Don Broersma

at don@ypsifoodcoop.org. The next fundraising committee meeting is Wednesday July 12, 2017 at 5:30pm at Cultivate Coffee and Tap house.



Customer Info Corner: Our containers

Here at YFC we care about our customers and our environment!

Therefore we have changed our packaging system of bulk items.

We are currently using **Bare** (bringing alternative resources for the environment) brand packaging for our bakery goods and the available bulk containers. In our bulk section, for packaging nuts and dried fruits, we are using Crystal Seal clam shells from their **Ecostar** line.

Why use these brands and how are they good for customers and the environment?

Both products allow customers to really see the products and offer leak resistant seals to keep food fresh. Bare products are made from recycled content and renewable resources. The Bare products in our store are made of 20% post-consumer recycled plastic, from PET water bottles and containers, and are recyclable themselves.

Their motto is 'For today. For Tomorrow. For good.'

Crysal Seal Ecostar are made from 35% food-grade recycled content from soft drink and water bottles, and are also recyclable themselves! At YFC we take environmental sustainability seriously and want to offer the best packaging for your products...Bare and Ecostar do just that! Feel confident using/reusing these recycled packages, and don't forget to recycle when done!

Sustainability Series: International Day of Cooperatives

The United Nations International Day of Co-operatives is on July 1st, 2017.

This year's theme is: "**Inclusion**" with the slogan "**Co-operatives ensure no one is left behind**".

The International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) was formed in 1895 and since 1927 the first Saturday of July has been observed as the International Cooperative Day. In 1992 the UN General Assembly marked the centenary of ICA's establishment by recognizing the first Saturday of July as International Cooperative Day.

This day of observance aims to increase awareness on cooperatives and bring attention to and reaffirm the crucial role of cooperatives in economic, social, cultural development, and achieving social policy objectives.

Why choose 'Inclusion' for this year's theme? According to the ICA "Co-operatives provide a space where all people, regardless of race, gender, culture, social background or economic circumstance, can meet their needs and build better communities." This reflects the people focused nature of co-ops with

our seven guiding principles ensuring people are the center of our businesses and structure rather than profit.

This years' International Day of Cooperatives theme complements the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), these are a set of 17 "Global Goals" for countries to work towards achieving, as well as the 2017 High-level Political Forum for Sustainable Development's theme: "**Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world**".

Because these themes are so closely related the Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives (COPAC) will continue the observance and celebration of the 2017 International Day of Cooperatives during this Political Platform meeting July 10-19, 2017. This forum brings together people from multiple governments, and UN officials to review the implementation of the SDGs. Then in November the ICA's Global Conference will meet with the theme of: "Putting people at the center of development".

How can Co-ops help achieve these goals? Co-ops help people create strong driven and united communities by working together to better themselves. Likewise co-ops re-invest in the community. Here at YFC we regularly donate to different causes, work with local schools to give students work experience and prioritize food access through EBT and WIC programs, as well as offering community memberships.

Globally co-ops have expanded beyond food co-ops encompassing all areas of life. Economically the top 300 cooperatives in the world generate 2.5 trillion USD annually. Through these means **Co-ops working together have the power to transform our world!**

Celebrate this day by sharing why you love co-ops! Post online using #CoopsDay, the chosen hashtag from the UN Division for Social Policy and Development cooperatives. Join the global movement to raise awareness about co-ops! Find out how to get involved in co-ops, like volunteering at YFC, and have a Happy International Cooperative Day 2017!

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